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1. There is a central recruiting commission in the FDJ Central Council. In November 1953 a decree was issued according to which secretaries of basic FDJ units, as well as important FDJ functionaries, were not to be drafted into the Garrisoned People's Police (KVP) at this time. The decree probably resulted from the fact that the youth organization in East Germany cannot afford to weaken its corps of functionaries any further through enlistments in the KVP; otherwise, there is the danger that FDJ work will completely deteriorate.
2. Each FDJ Kreis directorate has to report weekly to its Bezirk directorate, and the latter to the Central Council, on the recruitment situation. The password for these long-distance calls is "Recruitment for Young Generation" (Werbung Junge Generation). The functionaries report the recruited KVP members as subscribers of the "Young Generation".
3. Repeated complaints have been heard from KVP officers in Potsdam concerning the KVP members' lack of education. Very few of them are able to write German correctly. Some of them even have difficulty in signing their names correctly.

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